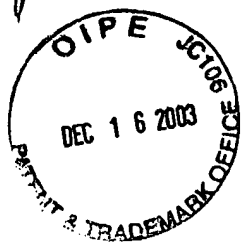


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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 to take action required in the application identified in the caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith:

_____	One Month	\$110.00	(\$ 55.00)*
_____	Two Months	\$420.00	(\$210.00)*
<u>  X  </u>	Three Months	\$950.00	(\$475.00)*
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